

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A temporary marking material comprising a thermally-expansible layer containing a binder, a pigment, and thermally-expansible microballs, wherein said thermally-expansible layer is adhered to a surface of a structure for use by virtue of the binder contained in the thermally-expansible layer.

2. (Previously presented) A temporary marking material according to claim 1, wherein the thermally-expansible microballs are expandable at a predetermined temperature or higher, and wherein the temporary marking material becomes peelable from the surface of said structure due to expansion of the thermally-expansible microballs when heated at said predetermined temperature or higher.

3. (Previously presented) A temporary marking material according to claim 2, wherein the thermally-expansible microballs have an expandability of at least 10 times in terms of volume, compared with the volume thereof at temperature of working atmosphere.

4. (Original) A temporary marking material according to claim 1, wherein the marking material further comprises a bead layer containing transparent beads; said bead layer being provided on a side of the thermally-expansible layer opposite to a side which contacts with the structure.

5. (Original) A pavement marker comprising a temporary marking material which comprises

a thermally-expansible layer containing a binder,
a pigment and
thermally-expansible microballs,
wherein the pavement marker is disposed, for use, on a pavement as a surface of the structure by virtue of the binder contained in the thermally-expansible layer.

6. (Previously presented) A pavement marker according to claim 5,
wherein the thermally-expansible microballs are expandable at a predetermined temperature or higher, and

wherein the temporary marking material becomes peelable from the surface of said structure due to expansion of thermally-expansible microballs when heated at said predetermined temperature or higher.

7. (Previously presented) A pavement marker according to claim 5,
wherein the thermally-expansible microballs have an expandability of at least 10 times in terms of volume, compared with the volume thereof at temperature of working atmosphere.

8. (Original) A pavement marker according to claim 5,
wherein the marking material further comprises a bead layer containing transparent beads; said bead layer being provided on a side of the thermally-expansible layer opposite to a side which contacts with the structure.